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SUMMARY: THE LEARN-FROM-TACHAI CAMPAIGN CONTINUES APACE WITH EMPHASIS ON THE ROLE OF EDUCATED YOUTH IN THE PROGRAM. THE TOP FOREIGN VISITOR IN PEKING THIS WEEK WAS BURMESE PRESIDENT NE WIN, WHO MIGHT HAVE OBTAINED SOME ASSURANCES CONCERNING FUTURE PRC ASSISTANCE TO THE BCP. AT THE SAME TIME, NE WIN'S VISIT HIGHLIGHTED THE FACT THAT NO TOP-LEVEL FOREIGN VISITOR HAS BEEN TO SHANGHAI SINCE LAST JULY, WHICH MIGHT HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR WANG HUNG-WEN'S CURRENT STANDING IN THE PARTY. DURING THE WEEK, THE PRC ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH TWO MORE COUNTRIES, WESTERN SAMOA AND THE COMOROS. END SUMMARY

1. TACHAI: ACCENT ON YOUTH
LEARN-FROM TACHAI MOBILIZATION MEETINGS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT CHINA LAST WEEK AS THE PROVINCES GEARED UP FOR NEXT YEAR'S NEW FIVE YEAR PLAN (WR 46). ANHWEI BECAME THE SECOND PROVINCE (AFTER KWANTUNG) TO ANNOUNCE AS ITS TARGET THE TRANSFORMATION OF HALF OF ITS COUNTIES INTO TACHAI-TYPE COUNTIES-- THE OTHER ANHWEI COUNTIES MUST HAVE AT LEAST HALF THEIR COMMUNES MODELED AFTER TACHAI BY 1980.
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2. AS LOCAL UNITS CONCENTRATE ON THE WORK THAT LIES AHEAD, THEY ARE TURNING MORE AND MORE ATTENTION TO THE UTILIZATION OF THEIR YOUTH, PARTICULARLY RE-EDUCATED YOUTH, AS A "SHOCK FORCE" IN THE MODERNIZATION OF AGRICULTURE. MANY MEETINGS HAVE CALLED FOR EMULATION OF THE 12 RE-EDUCATED YOUTHS WHO LAST MONTH WROTE CHAIRMAN MAO PLEDGING TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN LEARNING FROM TACHAI (WR 44). BROADCASTS FROM BOTH TSINGHAI

AND SZECHUAN HAVE CALLED ON YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE THE LEAD IN FARMLAND CAPTIAL CONSTRUCTION, WHILE SZECHUAN ALSO NOTES THT EDUCATED YOUTH CAN USE THEIR TALENTS TO HELP SPEED UP AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION.

3. ANOTHER, LESS POSITIVE, VIEW OF YOUTH WS EVIDENT IN A YUNNAN DAILY ARTICLE BRODCAST FROM KUNMING ON NOVEMBER 16. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, "MOST " OF THE PROVINCE'S YOUNG CADRES "UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE MANY SHORTCOMINGS" AND "OFTEN HARBOR THE TENDENCIES OF SUBJECTIVISIM AND INDIVIDUALISM; THEIR IDEOLOGY IS INVARIABLY EMPTY AND THEIR ACTIONS INVARIABLY WAVERING". AS A RESULT, THE YOUNG CADRES, MOST OF WHOM HAVE EMERGED SINCE, AND OFTEN BECAUSE OF , THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION , ARE BEING SENT EN MASSE TO THE COUNTRYSIDE, APPARENTLY AS PART OF YUNNAN'S MAJOR DRIVE TO ELIMINATE FACTIONALISM (HONG KOG 13149). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

4. WANG HUNG-WEN IN ISOLATION

BURMESE PREISDENT NE WIN'S ITINERARY (ITEM 8), WHICH TOLK HIM ONLY TO PEKING AND CANTON, POINTS UP THE FACT THAT NO FOREIGN STATE VISITORS HAVE VISITED SHANGHAI SINCE TAHAI PREMIER KHUKRIT'S TRIP LAST JULY. THIS MAY WELL BE DUE TO PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN WANG HUNG-WEN'S PRESENCE IN SHANGHAI, WHICH WAS FIRST IDENTIFIED ON ARMY DAY (AUGUST 1). PEKING MAY BE UNWILLING TO ALLOW HIM THE HIGH PROFILE (AND PERHAPS FOREIGN PRESS COVERAGE) WHICH HE WOULD RECIEVE IF HE ACTED AS LOCAL HOST, AND MAY AT THE SAME TIME BE CONCERNED THAT A FAILURE BY WANG TO TURN OUT TO GREET AN IMPORTANT GUEST WOULD APPEAR ANOMALOUS. WHILE THIS IS STILL SPECULATIVE, THE VIEW TAKES ON ADDED PLAUSIBILITY IN THE LIGHT OF THE SOVIET REMARK THAT WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT HAD ASKED FOR AND BEEN REFUSED A VISIT TO

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SHANGHAI (MOSCOW 16415). CONFIDENTIAL

5. NEW BOSS IN HAINAN

LI ERH-CHUNG HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN A NOVEMBER 15 HAINAN BROADCAST AS THE NEW PARTY SECRETARY AND REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OF THE AHINAN ADMINISTRATIVE REGION. HE RETAINS HIS POSITIONS AS PARTY STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER AND REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN OF KWANGTUNG PROVINCE (WR 29). LI, A FORMER PROPAGANDA DIRECTOR THE OLD CCP CENTRAL-SOUTH BUREAU, WS PURGED IN THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION AND REHABILITATED A YEAR AGO. HE REPLACES LI TZU-YUAN, ANOTHER FORMER PUGEE WHO HAD BEEN FIRST SECRETARY FOR ABOUT A YEAR.

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6. THE UNITED STATES

NCNA NOBEMBEER 13 CARRIED THE ON-SENTENCE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENT FORD'S DECEMBER 1-5 VISIT TO PEKING. THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER COMMENT IN PRC MEDIA ON THE VISIT.

7. NCNA DOMESTIC SERVICE NOVEMBER 14 REVIEWED DREW MIDDLETON'S BOOK, CAN THE US WIN THE NEXT WAR. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT SEEN THE BOOK, THE REVIEW INDICATES THAT IT IS RIGHT UP PEKING'S PROPAGANDA ALLEY. THE REVIEW CALIMS MIDDLETON VIEWS A US-USSR WAR AS HIGGLY PROBABLE AND THAT EURPE WILL BE THE CENTER OF CONFLICT , WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE LIMITED TO CONVENTIONAL WARFARE WITH THE SOVIET BLITZKRIEGING TO THE ENGLISH CHANNEL IN A WEEK. ACCORDING TO THE REVIEW THE BOOK MAINTAIN THAT THE US IS THE WEAKER OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS AND MUST PREPARE FOR WAR. IN A SIMILAR VEIN, NCNA NOVEMBER 15 QUOTED EXTENSIVELY FROM DIE WELT ARTICLES BY REITERED US ADMIRALS ZUMWALT AND BAGLEY ON DIFFERING US-SOVIET PERCEPTIONS OF DTENTE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

8. BURMA

BURMESE PRESIDENT NE WIN WAS IN PEKING NOBEMBER 11-15, HIS FIRST VISIT TO CHINA SINCE 1971. HOSTED BY SENIOR VICE PREMIER TENG-HSIAO-PING, WITH WHOM HE HAD TRHEE SESSIONS, CONFIDENTIAL

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NE WIN ALSO MET WITH CHAIRMAN MAO AND WITH PRINCE SIHANOUK. PUBLIC STATEMENTS (THE FAREWELL BANQUET TOASTS AND THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE) SUGGEST THAT NE WIN MIGHT HAVE OBTAINED SOME TACIT UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP ON THE KEY ISSUE OF CHINESE ASSISTANCE TO THE BURMESE COMMUNIST PARTY. WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT HE RECEIVED ANY CLEARCUT ASSURANCES OF AN END TO CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY "FRATERNAL ASSIS-TANCE" TO THE BCP AND SPECULATE THAT NE WIN MAY HAVE BEEN TOLD THE BCP IS A BURMESE PROBLEM TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE GOB. (HK 13767, NCNA , NOBEMBER 13-16) CONFIDENTIAL

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9. AFRICA

CHINA HAS ISSUED A RATHER SOMBER FORMIN STATEMENT (NOVEMBER
15) AND PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL (NOVEMBER 14) TO MARK

ANGOLA'S INDEPENDENCE FROM PORTUGUESE COLONIAL RULE AS THE SOVIETS SEEM TO BE STEPPING UP THEIR ACTIVITIES IN A REGION WHERE THE CHINESE HAVE ENJOYED THE GREATER INFLUENCE AND PRESTIGE. PEKING, AS THE SELF -ACCLAIMED CHAMPION OF THIRD WORLD, CONTINUES TO FIND IT ADVANTAGEOUS TO PUBLICLY ALIGN ITSELF WITH OAU POLICIES AND HAS THUS EXTENDED "WARM CONGRATULATIONS" TO THE ANGOLAN PEOPLES AND ALL THREE ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. THE HEAVILY ANTI-SOVIET FORMIN STATEMENT ASCRIBES THE "UNFORTUNATE SITUATION" IN ANGOLA AND THE INABILITY OF THE THREE RIVAL GROUPS TO FORM A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY TO SOVIET INTERFERENCE. IN LINE WITH INTENSIFIED EFFORTS TO DISCREDIT SOVIET POLICIES AT HOME AND ABROAD, PRC MEDIA HAS KEPT UP A PLETHORA OF ITS' OWN AND FOREIGN CRITICISM OF MOSCOW'S DISREGARD FOR OAU EFFORTS AS WELL AS MOSCOW'S RECOGNITION OF, AND MILITARY SUPPORT TO, THE PRO-SOVIET MPLA. (HONG KONG 13769), AND NCNA NOVEMBER 12-19) CONFIDENTIAL

10. IN ADDITION TO PRC MEDIA'S APPROVING COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT IDI AMIN'S VIEWS ON ANGOLA AND THE SOVIETS, CHAIRMAN MAO APPARENTLY HAS SENT THE AFRICAN LEADER A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR HIS OPPOSITION TO SOVIET AGGRESSION AS WELL AS AN INVITATION TO VISIT CHINA. HOWEVER, THUS FAR THE CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE WITH "BIG DADDY" HAS GONE UNREPORTED BY PRC DOMESTIC MEDIA ORGANS AND BEEN MENTIONED ONLY IN A REUTER'S NOVEMBER 18 DISPATCH CARRIED BY THE PRC-OWNED TA KUNG PAO IN HONG KONG. UNCLASSIFIED

11. CHINA SIGNS UP #105 AND #106

WESTERN SAMOA AND THE STATE OF COMOROS HAVE BECOME THE 105TH AND 106TH COUNTRIES TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PRC. IN A JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF NOVEMBER 6, WESTERN SAMOA, WHICH IN MAY 1972 ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC LINKS WITH THE GRC, RECOGNIZED THE PRC AS THE "SOLE LEGAL GOVERNMENT CONFIDENTIAL

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OF CHINA" AND ACKNOWLEDGED THE PRC POSITION THAT TAIWAN IS AN INALIENABLE PART OF CHINA. IN ITS NOVEMBER 13 JOINT COMMUNIQUE, THE STATE OF COMOROS RECOGNIZED THE PRC AS THE "SOLE LEGAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTING ALL THE CHINESE PEOPLE." IN JULY 1975, PEKING HAD UNILATERALLY EXTENDED RECOGNITION TO THE COMOROS ISLANDS. (NCNA NOVEMBER 6 AND 13) UNCLASSIFIED

12. INDOCHINA

DRVN FOREIGN TRADE VICE MINISTER LY BAN, WHO HAS BEEN IN PEKING SINCE SEPTEMBER 22 WHEN HE ARRIVED AS A MEMBER OF LE DUAN'S DELEGATION, FINALLY DEPARTED FOR HOME NOVEMBER 12,

APPARENTLY WITH LITTLE TO SHOW FOR HIS LONG STAY IN PEKING (HK 12603). ANOTHER PEKING DEPARTEE WAS PRINCE SIHANOUK, WHO LEFT NOVEMBER 15 FOR HIS TRIP TO VARIOUS NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES. AS USUAL, SIHANOUK WAS GIVEN A WARM SEND-OFF BY A GROUP HEADED BY VICE PREMIERS TENG HSIAO-PING AND LIHSIEN-NIEN. (NCNA, NOVEMBER 12-15) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

13. TAIWAN

CHAO YI-HSUEH, OF THE THREE EX-"KMT WAR CRIMINALS" WHO CHOSE TO RETURN TO THE PRC AFTER FAILING TO GAIN ENTRY INTO TAIWAN FROM HONG KONG NOW IS COMMISSIONER OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CPPCC SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE. VISITING FORMER KMT CHIEF OF STAFF SHANG CHEN, AND THE "SPECIAL AMNESTY RELEESSEE", ALONG WITH A HOST OF UNITED FRONT PERSONNEL WERE LISTED AS ATTENDING CEREMONIES IN SHANGHAI, KWANGCHOW AND ELSEWHERE IN CHINA TO COMMEMORATE THE 109TH BIRTHDAY OF THE FATHER OF THE CHINESE REPUBLIC, DR. SUN YAT-SEN. ELSEWHERE, NCNA ON NOVEMBER 15 CARRIED A LENGTHY DISPATCH ON THE RETURN TO THE MAINLAND OF A FORMER KMT LT. COL, YANG MING-YI. ALTHOUGH THE CHENG TU SOURCED DISPATCH DID NOT GIVE THE DATE OF YANG'S ARRIVAL IN THE PRC, IT STATED THAT AFTER BEING DEMOBLIZED IN AUGUST 1973 YANG MADE HIS LIVING IN TAIWAN BY SELLING PAINTAINGS. (NCNA NOVEMBER 12 AND 15) UNCLASSIFIED.

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